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Dear Prof. Lederberg,

Allow me, on behalf of the Preparatory Committee, to take the liberty of inviting you to be a Member of the Panel of Scientific Advisers of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB).

The ICGEB is a unique international experiment. This was inspired by the international scientific community which saw clearly the immense potential biotechnology and genetic engineering have in improving the living standards of people in developing countries. With the initiative of the Secretariat of UNIDO, 34 countries have already joined together (more are expected to join) to set up this "centre of excellence" to stimulate international co-operation in basic and applied research and at the same time to help create and/or strengthen the scientific capabilities in developing countries. This Centre with two components, one in Trieste, Italy, and the second in New Delhi, India, will concentrate on research and training. The activities would be initiated by March 1985 though it may take a further 18 to 24 months before a fully fledged Centre goes into operation.

The Governments which are signatories to the Statutes of the ICGEB form a Preparatory Committee to secure the speedy establishment and operation of the Centre. From its very inception and at all stages, we have been largely benefitting from the advice of the outstanding

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scientists. The need for such advice is all the more now in the formulation of a detailed work programme, on the recruitment of competent staff and in securing the needed financial resources. For this purpose, the Preparatory Committee has decided to constitute a Panel of Scientific Advisers. The proposed members of the Panel, the terms of reference and other details are given in the enclosure.

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As a distinguished scientist, committed to the cause and use of science for development, your considered advice, guidance and support will prove valuable to the ICGEB, particularly to make its foundation strong. Allow me as the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee to invite you to be a member of the Panel of Scientific Advisers. This membership will not entail your absence from your station for more than three occasions, for a duration of three days each time.

We would be grateful if you would kindly agree to assist us in this great endeavour of international co-operation. Your early reply by cable will be greatly appreciated, addressed to me c/o Mr. Gouri, UNIDO, P.O. Box 300, A-1400 Vienna (telegraphic address UNIDO, Vienna Telex no. 135612).

The UNIDO Secretariat will be contacting you separately and provide any other information that you may need.

We look forward with pleasure to hearing from you soon.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Adolfo Raul Taylhardat'.

Adolfo Raul Taylhardat
Chairman of the Preparatory Committee
on the Establishment of ICGEB
and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative of Venezuela to UNIDO

Encl.

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Delighted accept membership
UNIDO ICGEB SCIENCE
panel

Joshua Cederberg